

ENF Environmental Notification Form

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 Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

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The information requested on this form must be completed to begin MEPA Review in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, 301 CMR 11.00.

Project Name: Westminster Draft Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan / Expanded ENF		
Street:		
Municipality: Westminster, MA	Watershed: Nashua River	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:	Latitude: 4714433 N	Longitude: 260931 E
Estimated commencement date: 2007	Estimated completion date: 2020	
Approximate cost: \$14.6 million	Status of project design: 0	%complete
Proponent: Westminster Department of Public Works		
Street: 2 Oakmont Avenue		
Municipality: Westminster	State: MA	Zip Code: 01473
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Michael R. Cunningham, P.E.		
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- Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)?
 Yes No
- Has this project been filed with MEPA before?
 Yes (EOEA No. _____) No
- Has any project on this site been filed with MEPA before?
 Yes (EOEA No. _____) No
- Is this an Expanded ENF (see 301 CMR 11.05(7)) requesting:
- a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.06(8)) Yes No
 - a Special Review Procedure? (see 301 CMR 11.09) Yes No
 - a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.11) Yes No
 - a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11) Yes No

Identify any financial assistance or land transfer from an agency of the Commonwealth, including the agency name and the amount of funding or land area (in acres):
The CWMP is funded through the state SRF Program for \$343,116.

Are you requesting coordinated review with any other federal, state, regional, or local agency?
 Yes (Specify: The Water Resources Commission and MA-DEP) No

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals:
Local approvals required for construction will include an Order of Conditions, a MHD District 3 Access Permit, and a DEP Sewer Extension Permit.

Which ENF or EIR review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land | <input type="checkbox"/> Rare Species | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands, Waterways, & Tidelands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wastewater | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Air | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid & Hazardous Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACEC | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical & Archaeological Resources |

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Existing	Change	Total	State Permits & Approvals
LAND				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Superseding Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 91 License <input type="checkbox"/> 401 Water Quality Certification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MHD Access Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Water Management Act Permit <input type="checkbox"/> New Source Approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/ Extension Permit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Permits (including Legislative Approvals) – Specify: <u>The above permits will be needed during project design phase.</u> <u>A potential review under the Interbasin Transfer Act may be necessary.</u>
Total site acreage	N/A			
New acres of land altered		N/A		
Acres of impervious area	N/A			
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		N/A		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		N/A		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		N/A		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	N/A			
Number of housing units				
Maximum height (in feet)				
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	N/A			
Parking spaces				
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	N/A			
GPD water withdrawal	N/A			
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	330,000	211,000	541,000	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	17.0	10.6	27.6	

CONSERVATION LAND: Will the project involve the conversion of public parkland or other Article 97 public natural resources to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97?

- Yes (Specify _____) No

Will it involve the release of any conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction, or watershed preservation restriction?

Yes (Specify _____) No

RARE SPECIES: Does the project site include Estimated Habitat of Rare Species, Vernal Pools, Priority Sites of Rare Species, or Exemplary Natural Communities?

Yes (Specify _____) No

HISTORICAL / ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Does the project site include any structure, site or district listed in the State Register of Historic Place or the inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth?

Yes (Specify Westminster - Academy Hill Historic District) No

If yes, does the project involve any demolition or destruction of any listed or inventoried historic or archaeological resources?

Yes (Specify _____) No

AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN: Is the project in or adjacent to an Area of Critical Environmental Concern?

Yes (Specify _____) No

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project description should include (a) a description of the project site, (b) a description of both on-site and off-site alternatives and the impacts associated with each alternative, and (c) potential on-site and off-site mitigation measures for each alternative (*You may attach one additional page, if necessary.*)

The Draft CWMP/ENF assesses the ability of the Town of Westminster's current water supply, wastewater management, and stormwater management systems to meet the Town's goals and needs. In addition, the draft plan evaluates possible alternatives to the current wastewater management systems and develops a cost-effective plan for wastewater management that produces the greatest overall benefits while minimizing environmental impacts. The plan was developed in conjunction with a Citizens Advisory Committee representing the various interests within the Town of Westminster. The plan recommends several projects and actions, including modifications to the local regulations and extending sewers to targeted locations. The draft plan supports local and regional planning goals, including growth management, economic development, and environmental protection. The CWMP specifically supports several goals of the March 2000 Westminster Draft Master Plan, Executive Order 385, the Westminster Community Development Plan (Executive Order 418), and the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

The wastewater needs analysis determined that a total of thirteen (13) study areas in Westminster are suitable for continued use of on-site wastewater management under Title 5 and that twelve (12) study areas are in need of improved wastewater management. The wastewater alternatives analysis determined that continued on-site wastewater management is the preferred approach compared with other available alternatives for three (3) needs areas and the alternatives analysis determined that expansion of the municipal sewer system is preferred for nine (9) needs areas. Of the nine needs areas recommended for sewer expansion, six (6) were classified as having a high priority. In addition, two other areas identified during the alternatives analysis are recommended for high priority sewer expansion. The remaining three (3) needs areas are recommended for later phases of sewer expansion, and were classified as having a low priority. The plan also recommends an administrative management plan to prevent sewer expansion to areas outside of those recommended in the CWMP. Other recommendations of the CWMP pertain to the local Board of Health regulations, the Town water system, and stormwater management in Westminster.

The sewer expansion plan is similar with regard to scope of work and construction methods to other typical utility installation projects, and no significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur. Based on the conceptual designs, virtually all sewer and force main is proposed within existing roadway rights-of-way in Westminster. Most of those roadways are paved surfaces also. Actual locations will be selected during design to avoid impacts to any environmental resources discovered during survey, such as wetlands and vernal pools. The proposed management and mitigation plan summarizes the short-term (pre-construction and construction phase) and permanent (post-construction and operation phase) measures proposed to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential impacts and damage to the environment of the proposed plan. This section serves as a Section 61 Findings and details potential pre-construction, construction phase, and post-construction impacts and also considers management strategies and mitigation measures to deal with those impacts. Through this plan, the Town of Westminster will be prepared to implement these mitigation measures as necessary to carry out the overall recommended plan.